Number.	Name of Work.	Amount expended.
		Rs. a. p.
	ORIGINAL WORKS—*continued.*	
	South Thánd.	
4	Providing plank ceiling to Range Forest Office in the Mámlatdár's Kacheri at Sháhápur	145 10 3
5	Constructing a room for confiscated property for the Range Forest Officer in the compound of the Mámlatdar's Kacheri at Thánd ...	540 3 1
6	Additions and alterations to the Range Forest Officer's Office at Murbád	210 9 7
	Total ...	1,260 9 6
	REPAIRS.	
	North Thánd.	
1	Repairs to the Forest Office at Kelva-Máhim	30 5 0
2	Repairs to the Forest Depôt House at Manor	17 14 6
3	Do. do. at Sáwtá-bandar	17 13 4
4	Do. do. at Pálghar	17 7 10
5	Do. do. at Sanján	13 9 0
6	Do. do. at Wángaon	17 13 7
7	Do. do. at Gholvad	17 14 0
	Central Thánd.	
8	Repairs to the Forest Office at Khardi	41 8 10
9	Do. do. at Vádá	22 15 9
10	Repairs to the Forest Depôt House at Kasárá	17 15 10
11	Repairs to the Office at Bassein	26 0 3
	South Thánd.	
12	Repairs to the Forest Office at Thánd	19 13 6
13	Do. do. at Bhiwndy	22 15 6
14	Repairs to the Forest Depôt House at Átgaon	17 10 6
15	Do. do. at Vássind	17 15 11
16	Repairs to the Forest and Sub-Registrar's Office at Kalyán ...	20 4 8
17	Do. do. at Murbád ...	24 7 5
18	Repairs to the Forest Depôt House at Wángni	18 4 11
	Panch Mahdls.	
1	Repairs to the Forest Office at Dohad	13 15 0
	Total ...	396 13 4
	Grand Total ...	1,657 6 10

(*b*).—PROTECTION OF FORESTS FROM INJURY.

(1).—*General Protection and Breaches of Forest Law.*

(*a*).—*General Protection.*

35. There has been no change in the scale of Protective Establishment.

Proposals for increase of protective establishment are now before Government.

(*b.*)—*Breaches of Forest Law.*

36. Cases tried by Magistrates as compared with the year 1895-96 were as follows:—

No.	Division.	1895-96.		1896-97.		Percentage of failures.	
		Conviction.	Acquittals.	Conviction.	Acquittals.	1895-96.	1886-97.
1	North Thána	34	7	13	9	17·	40·9
2	South Thána	78	28	56	44	26·4	44·
3	Central Thána... ...	58	8	29	5	12·1	14·7
4	Surat	8	...	6	1	...	14·3
5	Panch Mahals... ...	31	7	55	17	18·4	23·6
	Total ...	209	50	159	76	19·3	32·3

There has been a little decrease in the number of offences. The high rate of percentage in failures is notably to be seen in the North and South Thána Divisions.

37. The following statement gives a classification of the new cases of the year under various heads of offences :—

Division.	Cases taken into Court.				Cases compounded.				Cases undetected.				Total Cases.				Grand Total.
	Injury to Forest by fire.	Unauthorized fellings or appropriation of wood and other minor produce.	Grazing without permission or in tracts in which gazing is prohibited.	Other offences.	Injury to Forest by fire.	Unauthorized fellings or appropriation of wood, &c.	Grazing without permission.	Other offences.	Injury to Forest by fire.	Unauthorized fellings or appropriation of wood, &c.	Grazing without permission.	Other offences.	Injury to Forest by fire.	Unauthorised fellings or appropriation of wood.	Grazing without permission.	Other offences.	
North Thána	1	16	2	9	...	106	...	12	60	57	1	3	61	179	3	24	267
Central Thána	7	53	1	...	...	68	...	4	160	96	...	1	167	217	1	5	390
South Thána	6	60	8	1	8	137	1	5	149	263	2	...	163	460	11	6	640
Surat	3	4	...	...	1	10	...	8	20	2	...	...	24	16	...	8	48
Panch Mahals	6	34	21	21	...	98	3	19	184	28	80	...	190	160	104	40	494
Total ...	23	167	32	31	9	419	4	48	573	446	83	4	605	1,032	119	83	1,839

38. The offences committed in lands notified under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, but in which pending completion of settlement the offender could only be proceeded against under Section 43, Land Revenue Code, were 76 in number. The following statement gives the details and comparison with 1895-96 :—

No.	Division.	1895-96.					1896-97.				
		Number of cases.	Value of Forest produce.	Acquittals.	Convictions.	Amount of fines.	Number of cases.	Value of Forest produce.	Acquittals.	Convictions.	Amount of fines.
			Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.
1	North Thána... ...	25	382 1 0	...	25	150 13 0	21	253 11 0	....	21	294 10 0
2	Central Thána ...	...	...	...	..	...	8	25 3 3	...	8	7 9 3
3	South Thána... ...	17	15 13 4	...	17	30 10 6	47	150 12 3	...	47	195 14 6
4	Surat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Panch Mahals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	42	397 14 4	...	42	181 7 6	76	429 10 6	...	76	498 1 9

39. The following statement contains the comparison between the number of cases compounded under Section 67 of the Forest Act during the past and this year; it also shows the amount of compensation received :—

No.	Division.	Year.		Amount.		
		1895-96.	1896-97.			
				Rs.	a.	p.
1	North Thána	105	118	648	15	9
2	South Thána	86	155	398	12	6
3	Central Thána	75	70	603	3	4
4	Surat	21	19	126	4	0
5	Panch Mahals	117	120	265	1	0
	Total ...	404	482	2,042	4	7

40. The details of cases compounded under Section 67, Indian Forest Act, required by Government Resolution No. 1899, dated 13th March 1891, are given in the following statement :—

No.	Division.	Number of cases in which compensation was fixed at Rupees																						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	25	30	45	50	78	Total.
1	North Thána ..	36	28	12	9	7	4	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	3	2	...	1	...	2	1	...	118
2	Central Thána	28	11	5	3	3	3	1	...	1	3	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	70
3	South Thána ...	87	25	14	10	9	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	155
4	Surat	8	3	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	19
	Panch Mahals .	89	21	3	2	3	...	1	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	120
	Total ...	248	88	36	25	23	9	9	3	3	6	2	3	1	1	1	1	5	3	...	2	1	2	3	1	482

(2).—*Protection from Fire.*

41. The following is the tabular statement showing offences by fire with results :—

Range.	Details of prosecutions for offences by fire.					Amount of punishment.	Remarks.
	Serial No. of Fire.	Areas burnt.	Character of offence (whether careless or intentional).	Whether acquitted or convicted.	Section of law under which convicted.		
		Acres.					
North Thána ...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Central Thána...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	
South Thána.	1	30	Carelessness...	Conviction ..	Indian Forest Act 25 (*b*).	1 offender was fined one rupee and received 8 days' rigorous imprisonment.	
	1	10	Intentional ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	3 offenders were fined Re. 1 each and received 14 days' rigorous imprisonment each.	
	1	125	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	17 shikaries received 1 month's rigorous imprisonment each.	
	1	25	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	13 shikaries received 1 month's rigorous imprisonment each.	
	1	450	Carelessness...	Do. ...	Do. ...	1 offender was fined Rs. 30.	
Surat ...	2	50	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	1 offender received 15 days' imprisonment.	
	13	2	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	1 offender was fined Rs. 2.	
	18	60	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	1 offender received 1 month and 15 days' imprisonment.	
Panch Mahals	12	124/18	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	4 offenders were fined Rs. 200 and Rs. 100 were taken as compensation from them.	
	35	47	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	1 offender was fined Rs. 4.	
	93	8	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. do. Rs. 10.	
	28	0/2	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. do. Rs. 15.	